

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES  
MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD  
APRIL 2013**

- WHEREAS:** In Georgia, the month of April is recognized as the Month of the Young Child and a time to recognize the needs of young children and the adults involved in their education and care; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Board of Health and Clayton County government recognize that early childhood education, literacy, health and fitness, and nutrition and wellness programs make a positive difference in the lives of children; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Board of Health and Clayton County government support policies at the local, state, and federal levels that provide high-quality, early learning opportunities for all young children and recognize that early detection of developmental delays is vital to the health of children in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Board of Health's Birth to Five programs deliver outstanding intervention services, such as: *Babies Can't Wait*, which annually provides developmental screenings to approximately 275 Clayton County infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and; *Making Our Mothers Successful/Parents As Teachers*, a home-visitation program that offers education, healthcare referrals, and child safety training to new and expectant mothers in order to lower infant mortality rates and ensure the best possible birth outcomes for Clayton County children; and *Children 1<sup>st</sup>*, which provides health screenings, assessments, monitoring, and referral services at no cost to parents and children up to age five (5); and
- WHEREAS:** During the Month of the Young Child, the county salutes parents, educators, and caregivers who provide children with a strong, early learning foundation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as the Month of the Young Child in Clayton County, Georgia and ask all Clayton County residents to join the Board of Health and its community partners in creating "A Healthier Clayton in One Generation."

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year two thousand thirteen.

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Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman